

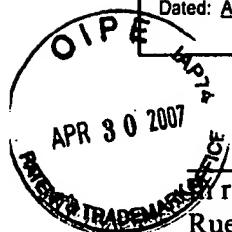
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REGENERATION AND REPAIR

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SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The United States Patent and Trademark Office issued a final Office Action dated November 2, 2006, finally rejecting claims 97, 99 and 105-113. Applicants submitted an amendment on January 31, 2007, and subsequently received an Advisory Action dated February 22, 2007, indicating that the amendment was entered into record. This further amendment is made in response to the Advisory Action, before the extended due date of May 2, 2007. A Petition for an extension of time, a Notice of Appeal, and appropriate fees are filed concurrently herewith. Reconsideration and further examination are requested. Please consider the amendment of the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.